

Table 12. Primary work activity of doctoral scientists and engineers, by years since doctorate: 1997

April 2002

Primary work activity	Years since doctorate				
	Total	5 years or less	6-15 years	16-25 years	More than 25 years
Total employed (number).....	518,400	89,100	171,400	143,300	114,600
			Percent		
Applied research.....	19	24	21	18	15
Basic research.....	13	19	14	10	11
Development.....	6	6	7	5	5
Design.....	2	3	2	3	2
Teaching.....	22	20	20	21	27
Management, sales, and administration ¹	16	7	14	22	20
Computer applications.....	5	7	5	4	4
Professional services.....	12	11	13	13	9
Other activity ²	5	4	4	5	6

¹ Category includes: accounting, finance, contracts; employee relations including recruiting, personnel, development, and training; managing, supervising; sales, purchasing, marketing, customer service, public relations; and quality or productivity management.

² Category includes: production operations, maintenance, and other activity.

NOTES: Numbers are rounded to nearest hundred. Percents are rounded to the whole number. Details may not add to totals because of rounding.

Survey of Doctorate Recipients includes persons who had earned a research doctorate from an U.S. institution and resided in U.S. as of April 1997.

SOURCE: National Science Foundation/Division of Science Resources Statistics, 1997 Survey of Doctorate Recipients